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Mr. Ezra Rapport
Executive Director
Association of Bay Area Governments
101 Eighth Street
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Dear Mr. Rapport:

RE: Review of Adopted Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area: 2014-2022

Thank you for submitting San Francisco Bay Area's 2014-2022 Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) adopted on July 18, 2013. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65584.05(h), the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is required to "determine whether or not the final allocation plan is consistent with the existing and projected housing need for the region, as determined pursuant to Section 65584.01."

In reviewing the adopted RHNA Plan, the Department finds that ABAG distributed all of the region's existing and projected housing need (187,990 units) by income category. Also, each share of RHNA to local government includes an allocation of units for very-low and low income households, pursuant to GC Section 65584(d)(1). The RHNA Plan does not reflect process and methodology changes requested by the Department in its advisory letters of February 6, and June 10, 2013. While GC Section 65584(b) requires ABAG to consider the Department's advice when preparing the RHNA Plan, GC Section 65584.05(h) specifically provides that the "council of governments shall have final authority to determine distribution of region's existing and projected housing need"

The Department is committed to assisting ABAG and its local governments prepare and implement updated housing elements that effectively address the region's housing need while also developing local land use strategies to maximize land resources and facilitate more transit oriented and compact development patterns. Implementing effective housing elements to encourage affordable housing, a variety of housing types, and infill and transit oriented development is critical to achieving housing, economic and environmental objectives, including goals of Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008).

The Department appreciates the efforts of ABAG staff in completing the RHNA process. If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please contact me or Anda Draghici, Senior Housing Policy Specialist, at (916) 263-2911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen A. Campora".

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director